

sophy, and mental conditions, "Aylwin" is quite out of the ordinary run of novels, and, though an exceedingly serious, even morbid, production, is well enough written to interest the most fastidious reader.

Mr. Chapman contributes a number of volumes to this month's Talk. Foremost among these is "The Life of Henry Drummond," by George Adam Smith, D.D., with many unpublished letters, journals of travel, and new addresses to young men, large 8vo. 541 pp., and portrait frontispiece. Doubleday & McClure Co., New York; price three dollars and a half. Dr. George Adam Smith's writing powers are well known, and as this biography is with him a labor of love; it may be premised that he has done his best in it. Of course he has been hampered with letters, journals, quotations, and the desire of everybody who belonged to Drummond's inner circle to contribute something to the life. Henry Drummond was an almost unique personality, manly yet refined, joyous yet earnest, unselfish but susceptible to the good opinion of the good. He was a devoted Christian, without cant, holding his own views, but none the less ready to co-operate with revivalists and religious reformers, who could not sympathize with him, a large-hearted, generous-minded gentleman. His "Natural Law in the Spiritual World" first made him famous, and among theologians his "Ascent of Man" rung his death-knell. As widely read and more influential were his little books, "The Greatest Things in the World," "Pax Vobiscum," "The City Without a Church," etc. He did great service in connection with the Moody movement in Britain, but his chief life work was his ministry to the Edinburgh students, whose attitude towards religion he was the means of completely revolutionizing. Yet he told them plainly: "Remember, you cannot live on meetings." His talk was evolutionary, but it was on the evolution of the spiritual nature in true manhood. To him religion was so great a thing that he regarded the reconciliation or non-reconciliation of minor points of the Scriptures as pill-box religion. He was essentially a man's man, having little in common with the fair sex. His